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## FIRE MENACES CASE OF MRS. STILLMAN

Canadian Home Holding Valuable Data Scorched as She Arrives.

### SHE MISSES WITNESSES

One Woman in Hospital in Three Rivers; Others Out of Town.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

THREE RIVERS, Canada, Jan. 2.—Clad in woollens from head to foot and wearing sheepskin moccasins, Mrs. Anne Urquhart Potter Stillman reached here at noon to-day, only to find she could not see three young women who are to be called as witnesses at the Montreal hearings in the divorce suit. One was in the hospital and the others were not in town. The banker's wife remained but for four hours and that was by compulsion, as there are only two trains a day from this point into the north country. She is stopping to-night in the home of John Crete, Mayor of Grandes Piles, thirty-eight miles north of here.

The thermometer registered 7 below zero when Mrs. Stillman left Quebec this morning with her son, James A. Stillman, Jr., Mayor of Crete, and Philip J. O'Brien, her lawyer. She was confident all would be well from now on and was in such good spirits that she posed for her first photographs since she came to Canada. These were taken in snowdrifts along the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks at different points between here and Quebec and in the Pullman car while she was eating breakfast.

Mrs. Stillman found Three Rivers three degrees colder than Quebec. She went direct to the home of Arthur Marchand, manager of the Notre Dame branch of the Banque de Hochelaga, where her party were guests of Mme. Marchand at luncheon.

The meal was about half over when M. Crete received a telephone message from his wife. "The house is on fire; the roof is burning off!" Mme. Crete fairly shouted over the wire. Then she was cut off. This news was startling for two reasons. Mrs. Stillman not only was going to make the Crete home her headquarters, but books in the Mayor's safe are said to be the most important part of the Canadian end of Mrs. Stillman's defense. They tell the dates on which Mrs. Stillman went up and down the St. Maurice River. The alarm occasioned by this news subsided an hour later, however, when Mme. Crete called again to say the fire was out and had done but small damage.

A search then was instituted for the Misses Anne, May and Tina Wilson, sisters, who were employed as maids at the Stillman Lodge in Grande Ance and who, according to the allegations of the defense, were approached by "agents of James A. Stillman" with large financial offers to give false testimony. They are numbered among the witnesses John E. Mack and John F. Brennan, attorneys

## MISS 1922 SKATES SMARTLY IN SPORT TROUSERED OUTFIT

Tan Capes to Match Lend Quite a St. Moritz Effect on Van Cortlandt's Surface, Where Many Thousand Athletic Young Women Usher in the Ice Season.

In her new trousered sport costume Miss 1922 glided out upon the ice in Van Cortlandt Park yesterday and cut the first big figure of the season. She'd been threatening to do it for some time, this girl who goes in for athletics, because she wanted a little more of the St. Moritz snap.

"Of course she's checked her skirts or her topcoat," you said to yourself when you saw her skimming by looking just like a boy. With the checking idea upmost you turn to watch a trio of trousered maidens removing their skating shoes. Then you see them walk toward the station swinging their shoes and skates and looking quite trim and happy. They had checked nothing—unless it might be old fashioned modesty—for they marched along as unconcerned as if they were in a girls' gymnasium.

For fashion's sake you'd like to be able to report that all these modern young skaters wore regulation sport trousers, but the eyes of less than a connoisseur detected camping knickers, riding breeches, "gym" bloomers and even brothers' banyans. The real sport trousers were there, one in light tan that can be recorded as having an accompanying tan cape and another outfit in green checked material with hip length sport coat and another in wooly white material with white sweater and cap, and also there were large checked effects that could be seen across the lake.

Skating skirts this winter seem so short you have to look at the face to get an idea of the age. The plaid pleated skirts come just to the knee and two pairs of heavy woolen stockings, the outer one with fancy tops and rolled down to the skating shoe, keep the otherwise exposed members comfortably warm.

Little Miss Sixteen wearing a Scotch plaid skirt reaching a little above her knees sent a shiver through spectators who beheld what they thought at first was a pair of well tanned bare legs. They weren't bare, but were encased in pinkish tan woolen stockings with a pair of heather woolen stockings rolled to the top of her skating shoes.

The low temperature and biting wind were assurances of a well frozen lake. It was packed all day, with about 5,000 skaters at one time. But as the skaters came and went all day long there must have been several times 5,000 there during the daylight hours.

for Mrs. Stillman, said they would call to prove their bribery charges. Miss Anne Wilson has been in St. Joseph's Hospital, Three Rivers, since Thursday. Mrs. Stillman did not attempt to see her. The two other sisters are waitresses in a hotel here, but this was their day off and they could not be found.

On leaving Quebec this morning Mrs. Stillman said her trip north was mainly to see witnesses whose testimony she believes will upset the so-called "ladder and keyhole" testimony.

### 3 DEAD IN FIRE ENGINE CRASH.

Three Fatal Accidents From False Alarm Arouse Chicago Police.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—With a third death to-day as a result of a fatal crash last night when two fire engines collided while answering a false alarm, police redoubled their search for the joker responsible for the affair.

W. E. Gellis, driver of one of the 13,000 pound engines, died to-day. Lieut. Albert Little and Pipeman Patrick J. Dixon were instantly killed. It was the third fatal accident resulting from false alarms in less than a year.

The City Council will be asked tomorrow to post a reward for the arrest of the person responsible.

### FILIPINOS ELECT AGUINALDO.

MANILA, P. I., Jan. 2.—Emilio Aguinaldo, former president of the Philippine republic and leader of the Philippine insurrection, to-day was elected president of the association of Philippine Veterans of the Revolution, succeeding Gen. Manuel Concepcion. Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippine Senate, was elected honorary president.

### TO STUDY CITY LIGHT PLANTS.

Boston Committee Starts for Buffalo; Will Visit New York.

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## LINDENFELD SAYS HE IS BIRD OF PASSAGE

Defies Authorities to Keep Him Confined in Warsaw Prison.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

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WARSAW, Jan. 2.—Wolfe Lindenfeld, who is held here in connection with the Wall street bomb explosion in New York and who confessed to complicity in the outrage, mentioning names, has retracted everything he confessed to, according to information derived here from well informed sources. In his retraction Lindenfeld declared he was not responsible for what he said when he made his confession. Nevertheless, there is reason to believe that the names which he mentioned then were of persons connected with the plot and that he knew the time the Wall street explosion was to be perpetrated.

Lindenfeld is being closely guarded in prison here owing to efforts by local and foreign Communists to free him. A few days ago he remarked sarcastically:

"You will try in vain to keep me. I am here as a bird of passage."

The police of Warsaw have obtained a full list of the names of persons, chiefly Jews, who, they charge, have been defrauded by Lindenfeld. Posting as an official of the American Legation here, the police say, Lindenfeld sold them bogus passports and in this way extorted about \$10,000 from his victims.

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### U. S. N. SAILOR KILLED IN ROW AT SHANGHAI

Italians From Warship Attack U. S. S. Wilmington's Men.

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